

Amendments to the Specification:

Insert the following heading at page 3, line 12:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Delete the following heading at page 4, line 13:

~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~

Insert the following paragraph at page 10, line 4:

--FIG. 8 is a simplified, schematic view of a system comprising a plurality of ultrasonic energy treating apparatuses fluidly connected in parallel, according to one embodiment of the present invention.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17, as follows:

System **20** also includes a workpiece holder **30** (see FIG. 4 in particular) for vertically positioning a dual planar-sided workpiece **31**, such as a disc-shaped substrate, in either interior sub-space **24'** or **24''** of tank or vessel **24**, at a selected longitudinal spacing from planar transducing surface **26**. ~~As illustrated, workpiece~~ Workpiece holder **30** ~~can accommodate~~ accommodate a single workpiece **31** having a pair of opposed, planar surfaces such that the latter can be oriented at a desired angle to the planar transducing surface **26**. However, according to the invention, the planar surfaces of workpiece **31** are preferably oriented perpendicularly (i.e., at 90°) to the planar transducing surface **26** in order to subject each surface ~~with~~ to substantially the same exposure to ultrasonic waves (e.g., progressive or travelling waves) generated within the

bath liquid according to a feature of the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 25, as follows:

In addition, a system 50 comprising a plurality of the above-described ultrasonic treating apparatuses 20, 40 fluidly connected in parallel may be utilized for simultaneously performing ultrasonic processing of a plurality of workpieces, as illustrated in FIG. 8.